

July 2018

CITY OF VAN METER

VAN METER NEWS

Kyle Michel—Van Meter's New Administrator

Please help us to welcome Kyle Michel as Van Meter's new city administrator effective July 2.

Kyle is coming to Van Meter from the City of Elkhart, Iowa, where he has served as the City Clerk since 2016. Kyle is a graduate of Drake University where he received his Master's in Public Administration. He currently serves as a Medical Services Officer in the Army Reserves and has served in the military for over 8 years between the Army, Iowa Army National Guard, and Army Reserves. Kyle currently resides in West Des Moines and will be moving to Van Meter with his girlfriend Anna and their two dogs, Teddy and Charlie. During his time in Elkhart he assisted the City in receiving over \$400,000 in grant funding while addressing water quality and parks and recreation projects. Kyle also assisted the City in receiving the 2018 Program of the Year Award from the Iowa City and County Managers Association for the work the City conducted on a Source Water Protection Plan. He hopes to continue this success in Van Meter while assisting the City in their endeavors. Outside of work, Kyle enjoys hunting, fishing and fitness and he is also an avid cook. As a veteran, Kyle is also a staunch advocate for veterans, especially those close to home in Iowa where he volunteers with numerous veteran nonprofits. During graduate school, Kyle served as an intern for the City of Van Meter and is excited to come back to the community and continue working within the profession of municipal management.



Elected Officials:

-Allan Adams, Mayor

Council Members—

-Kim Sacker,
Mayor Pro Tem

-Adam Coyle

-Joe Herman

-Lyndon Lyon

-Steven Meyer

City Staff:

City Hall-
515-996-2644

Kyle Michel-
City Administrator

Liz Thompson-Clerk

David Herman-
Public Works

Michael Abbott-
Public Works

Bill Daggett-Police Chief

Craig Greer-Police Officer

Jon Bruen-Fire Chief

Dispatch: 515-993-4567
Emergency—911

Suzanne Lindaman-
Library Director
515-996-2435

UTILITY RATE CHANGES

WATER & SEWER RATE CHANGE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

The rate increases passed by the City Council in 2014 still apply. Your city utility bill will reflect a 5% increase for in-town rates and a 10% increase for out-of-town rates. The utility bill you receive in August bill will reflect these changes.

		WATER			
		IN TOWN		OUT OF TOWN	
		First 2,000 Gal	Over 2,000	First 2,000 Gal	Over 2,000
Current		\$19.25	\$4.39	Current	\$46.40 \$10.59
7/1/2018		\$20.22	\$4.61	7/1/2018	\$51.04 \$11.64

		SEWER			
		IN TOWN		OUT OF TOWN	
		First 2,000 Gal	Over 2,000	First 2,000 Gal	Over 2,000
Current		\$19.03	\$5.59	Current	\$43.76 \$12.86
7/1/2018		\$19.99	\$5.87	7/1/2018	\$48.14 \$14.14

CITY RECEIVES GRANT



Interim City Administrator Butch Niebuhr and Council Person Joe Herman receive a ten thousand dollar check from the Dallas County Foundation and Grow Green County Grant for the development of a trail along the Raccoon River near the recreational complex. This project is underway and will be a benefit to those utilizing the Raccoon River for water recreation in the near future.



505 Grant St;
(515) 996-2435



Visit the Van Meter Public Library to sign up for all the summer fun! The Summer Reading Program runs from June 2—August 3. You can sign up at any time after June 2nd. The whole family can get involved with programs, reading logs, and prizes.

Each week we will be having two Story Times, with the same theme, so everyone will have a chance to join. We will continue with the Tuesday evening Nighty-Night Story Time at 6:30p, and will add a Wednesday morning Story Time at 10:30a. Tweens and teens can join us for creative time on Wednesday afternoons at 3p and all are invited to our Friday Movie Matinees at 1:45p.

We also have some special events planned:

★ Dallas County naturalist, Mike Havlik, is hosting a "Nature Rocks! Kid's Concert" on July 11th at 10:30a. Weather permitting, we will be outside and encourage people to bring lunches to enjoy after the program. He plays guitar and his songs are participatory and fun!

★ Our last special program of the summer will be a petting zoo without animals! The Des Moines Symphony will be at the library on July 25th at 10:30a. During the Petting Zoo, children will explore the following: listening to the difference between stringed instruments, exploring the different parts of the violin and cello, learning about the instrument's sounds and dynamics. Their hands-on experience will include: introductory time on the violin and cello, bowing all four strings, and holding the violin and cello on their own.

During the Summer Reading Program from June 2nd – August 3rd, we will **not** have Story Times or the Tween/Teen Crafting time during the week of July 4th. If you have any questions, please contact the library at 515-996-2435 or library@vanmeteria.gov.

City offices will be closed
Wednesday, July 4



PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Citizen Police Academy

The Van Meter Police Department will be accepting applications for its first session of the Citizen's Police Academy.

The Van Meter Police Department Citizen's Police Academy is designed to educate residents and local citizens on the various aspects of law enforcement. It is for those interested in learning more about how the Van Meter Police Department functions and operates. There are many misconceptions about police duties and the Academy will help dispel these notions and allow community members a closer look at their police department.

The goal of the program is to open the lines of communication and encourage interaction between our police officers and the community. Graduates of the Academy will acquire a solid foundation of public safety information to share with others in the community.

The Citizen's Police Academy is not intended to train the participants to be police officers, but rather it is designed for those interested in a deeper understanding of the various

challenges and decisions that a Van Meter Police Officer deals with on a daily basis.

The academy will begin this fall, dates to be announced. This includes the opportunity to attend a patrol ride-along. The course curriculum will include the Criminal



Justice System, Development of a Police Officer, Tactical Options, Traffic Enforcement, Special Responses, Forensics, Investigations, and Community Preparedness.

Please watch the newsletter, Facebook and the website for more details about the application process.



VAN METER FIRE FIGHTERS TRAIN ON NEW AIRBOAT

The Van Meter Firefighter's Association used donated funds to purchase a new airboat for water rescue operations this spring. Members of the fire department attended a three-day training—June 15, 16, & 17th on operation and use of the boat taught by George Lainhart of the College Park Police Department. The boat allows for quick EMS response to provide treatment and rescue operations to those in trouble on water and ice.

VAN METER FARMERS MARKET

*growers • gardeners • bakers • crafters
antiques • flea marketers • events*

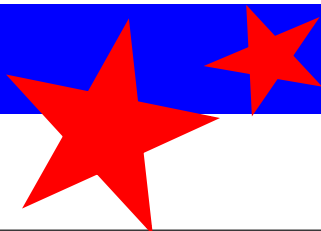


Food & Music Schedule:

Up In Smoke & The Outside Scoop	July 13	Opus Taylor
Ferinheit Wood Oven Pizza	July 20	Ryne Doughty
Sabores De Mexico	July 27	Patresa Hartman
Street Eats DSM	Aug 3	Jesse Jaspers
Karam's Mediterranean Grill	Aug 10	Ashton Mount
TBD	Aug 17	Dustin Baird

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PO BOX 160
VAN METER IA 50261

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Agreement For Preauthorized Payments

To sign up for AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL, please complete the form below and mail or bring to City Hall along with a VOIDED CHECK from your financial institution.

I (we) hereby authorize the CITY OF VAN METER to initiate debit entries to my (our) checking account indicated below and the depository named below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, to debit the same to such account.

DEPOSITORY NAME _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TRANSIT ABA NO. _____ ACCOUNT NO. _____

(Transit ABA Number is the first 9 numbers from left on the bottom of your check)

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until the City of Van Meter and Depository have received written notification from me (either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford the City of Van Meter and Depository a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

NAME(s) *(print)* _____

SIGNATURE _____

*******You will still receive your monthly bill as usual*******

The amount due will be deducted from the assigned account on the 15th of the month

The city also offers you the opportunity to pay your bill online. You can even view your account information. To take advantage of this opportunity, visit our website: www.vanmeteria.gov/; click on the "Pay Bill" tab.